IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

ORDER

Plaintiff,

03-C-74-C

v.

PETER THORSON, MANAGED INVESTMENTS INCORPORATED, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT INC., and GERKE EXCAVATING, INC.,

Defendants.

A hearing was held by telephone on September 21, 2004, to consider the motion of Gary H. Baise and Alexander M. Bullock to withdraw as counsel for defendant Peter Thorson, Managed Investments Incorporated and Construction Management, Inc. Alexander Bullock appeared for himself and Gary H. Baise. Peter Thorson appeared on his own behalf.

Mr. Thorson explained that he has lost confidence in his counsel and is agreeable to allowing them to withdraw. Therefore, their motion to withdraw as counsel is GRANTED.

The withdrawal leaves defendants in a difficult position. Peter Thorson may continue to represent himself, but Managed Investments Incorporated and Construction Management, Inc., can proceed only by counsel. I advised Mr. Thorson that he was under an obligation to meet all the deadlines previously established in this case and that his

dissatisfaction with his counsel would not be a reason for giving any extension of the deadlines. It is up to him to move with alacrity to retain new counsel for himself and his codefendants. If he does not obtain counsel to represent the corporations, presumably the United States can take default judgments against these defendants.

Entered this 21st day of September, 2004.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB District Judge